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Report of the Secretary-General

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1. We have followed with interest the consideration of the item entitled "An agenda for peace: preventive diplomacy, peacemaking and peace-keeping" and share the view that regional arrangements and organizations should, wherever appropriate, be enabled to contribute effectively to the maintenance of international peace and security. Evolving coherent regional and subregional approaches to issues of security, peace and disarmament could indeed be more realistic and productive.

2. The Organization of the Islamic Conference, comprising 51 Member States from Asia, Africa and Europe, is committed to promoting international peace and security and in this regard has been closely cooperating with the United Nations.

3. The Summit and Ministerial Conferences of the OIC continue to give serious and earnest consideration to issues of peace, security, confidence building and disarmament, which also figure on the agenda of the United Nations General Assembly.

4. The Sixth Islamic Summit Conference held in Dakar in December 1991 attached particular importance to seeking solution to global issues through dialogue and cooperation among all nations of the world and adherence to the principles of international law and the resolutions of the United Nations. The decisions of the Summit Conference provide us an invaluable basis to cooperate closely on the issues of peace and security affecting the Member States.

5. The Dakar Declaration places particular emphasis on peaceful settlement of disputes by using all possibilities offered in this regard by the OIC. It also affirms the commitment of OIC Member States to establishing between them relations of permanent consultation and coordination of efforts at the international level, within the framework of the OIC Charter, particularly in case of threats against collective security or that of any Member State.

6. Moreover, the Dakar Declaration encourages, wherever appropriate, the initiation of confidence- and security-building measures among Member States, bilaterally or at the subregional or regional levels.

7. Issues relating to confidence- and security-building measures as well as those relating to the security of small States are receiving close attention of the Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers. The OIC is also formulating a Code of Conduct to combat international terrorism.

8. In conformity with the request of the Security Council, the Organization of the Islamic Conference is giving further close attention to strengthening its role in preventive diplomacy, bearing in mind the greater use of fact-finding, confidence building, good offices and peace building.

9. The OIC member States have contributed to the United Nations Peace-keeping Operations, particularly in Somalia. An OIC Ministerial Meeting was held in Islamabad in July 1993 to consider the issue of troop contributions by OIC Member States to the UNPROFOR in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

10. We also recognize the need for strengthening further close cooperative relations with the United Nations on issues of peace and security by devising appropriate modalities including regular or periodic consultations, exchange of information and through the secondment of officials to the United Nations Secretariat.